On the day the action is served parties may initiate judicial review.

[61 FR 52714, Oct. 8, 1996, as amended at 61 FR 58491, Nov. 15, 1996]

§1115.4 Petitions to reopen administratively final actions.

A person at any time may file a petition to reopen any administratively final action of the Board pursuant to the requirements of §1115.3 (c) and (d) of this part. A petition to reopen must state in detail the respects in which the proceeding involves material error, new evidence, or substantially changed circumstances and must include a request that the Board make such a determination.

[61 FR 52714, Oct. 8, 1996]

§1115.5 Petitions for other relief.

- (a) A party may petition for a stay of an action pending a request for judicial review, for extension of the compliance date, or for modification of the date the terms of the decision take effect. The reasons for the desired relief must be stated in the petition, and the petition must be filed not less than 10 days prior to the date the terms of the action take effect. No reply need be filed. If a party elects to file a reply, the reply must reach the Board no later than 5 days after the petition is filed.
- (b) When the terms of a Board action take effect on less than 15 days' notice, a petition for stay pending a request for judicial review must be filed prior to the institution of court action and as close to the service date as practicable. No reply need be filed. Where time permits, a party may elect to file a reply.
- (c) A petition or reply must not exceed 10 pages in length.

 $[47\ FR\ 49568,\ Nov.\ 1,\ 1982,\ as\ amended\ at\ 61\ FR\ 52714,\ Oct.\ 8,\ 1996]$

§1115.6 Exhaustion of remedies and judicial review.

These rules do not relieve the requirement that a party exhaust its administrative remedies before going to court. Any action appealable as of right must be timely appealed. If an appeal, discretionary appeal, or petition seeking reopening is filed under §1115.2 or §1115.3 of this part, before or

after a petition seeking judicial review is filed with the courts, the Board will act upon the appeal or petition after advising the court of its pendency unless action might interfere with the court's jurisdiction.

 $[47\ FR\ 49568,\ Nov.\ 1,\ 1982,\ as\ amended\ at\ 61\ FR\ 52714,\ Oct.\ 8,\ 1996]$

§ 1115.7 Petitions for judicial review; mailing address.

Petitions for judicial review of final agency orders may be served on the Board pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2112(a) and be addressed to "General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423."

[53 FR 20854, June 7, 1988, as amended at 61 FR 52714, Oct. 8, 1996]

§ 1115.8 Petitions to review arbitration decisions.

An appeal of right to the Board is permitted. The appeal must be filed within 20 days of a final arbitration decision, unless a later date is authorized by the Board, and is subject to the page limitations of §1115.2(d). The STB's standard of review of arbitration decisions will be narrow, and relief will be granted only on grounds that the award reflects a clear abuse of arbitral authority or discretion or directly contravenes statutory authority. The timely filing of a petition will not automatically stay the effect of the arbitration decision. A stay may be requested under §1115.3(f).

[78 FR 29084, May 17, 2013]

$\S 1115.9$ Interlocutory appeals.

- (a) Rulings of Board employees, including administrative law judges, may be appealed prior to service of the initial decision only if:
- (1) The ruling denies or terminates any person's participation;
- (2) The ruling grants a request for the inspection of documents not ordinarily available for public inspection;
- (3) The ruling overrules an objection based on privilege, the result of which ruling is to require the presentation of testimony or documents; or

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- (4) The ruling may result in substantial irreparable harm, substantial detriment to the public interest, or undue prejudice to a party.
- (b) In stand-alone cost complaints or in cases filed under the simplified standards, any interlocutory appeal of a ruling shall be filed with the Board within three (3) business days of the ruling. Replies to any interlocutory appeal shall be filed with the Board within three (3) business days after the filing of any such appeal. In all other cases, interlocutory appeals shall be filed with the Board within seven (7) calendar days of the ruling and replies to interlocutory appeals shall be filed with Board within seven (7) calendar days after the filing of any such appeal as computed under 49 CFR 1104.7.

[61 FR 52714, Oct. 8, 1996, as amended at 61 FR 58491, Nov. 15, 1996; 72 FR 51377, Sept. 7, 2007]

PART 1116—ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE BOARD

Sec.

1116.1 Requests.

1116.2 Manner of presentation.

AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 721.

Source: 47 FR 49569, Nov. 1, 1982, unless otherwise noted.

§1116.1 Requests.

- (a) Addressee. Requests for oral argument should be addressed to the Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001.
- (b) Who may request? Any party may submit a written request for oral argument and state the reasons for the request. No replies from other parties to the request shall be made.
- (c) When to file a request. Requests for oral argument should be filed within 20 days after the date of service of the decision, order, or requirement being appealed, unless the Board by order prescribes a different time period.
- (d) Granting of request. The Board will rule upon requests by decision, and the granting of requests is entirely at the discretion of the Board.

[47 FR 49569, Nov. 1, 1982, as amended at 74 FR 52908, Oct. 15, 2009]

§1116.2 Manner of presentation.

Proponents of a rule or order will be heard first, and opponents will be heard second. One counsel only will usually be heard for each of the opposing interests, unless additional presentations are specifically authorized.

PART 1117—PETITIONS (FOR RELIEF) NOT OTHERWISE COVERED

AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 721.

§1117.1 Petitions.

A party seeking relief not provided for in any other rule may file a petition for such relief. The petition should contain (a) a short, plain statement of the grounds upon which the Board's jurisdiction is based; (b) a short plain statement of the claim showing that the petitioner is entitled to relief; and (c) a demand for the relief the petitioner believes is appropriate.

[47 FR 49569, Nov. 1, 1982]

PART 1118—PROCEDURES IN IN-FORMAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE EMPLOYEE BOARDS

Sec.

1118.1 Scope.

1118.2 Proceedings to be informal.

1118.3 Appeals.

AUTHORITY: 49 CFR 721.

SOURCE: 62 FR 50884, Sept. 29, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

§1118.1 Scope.

The rules in this part govern proceedings before employee boards.

§1118.2 Proceedings to be informal.

The proceedings in all matters governed by this part will be informal. No transcript of these proceedings will be made. Subpoenas will not be issued and, except when applications, petitions, or statements are required to be attested, oaths will not be administered.